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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on November 5, 2003, and Supplemental IDS filed on August 23, 2005, Applicants hereby call the following to the Examiner's attention.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report conducted in International Application No. PCT/US04/37049, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0086472, published July 4, 2002;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,825,086, issued November 30, 2004;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,891,192, issued May 10, 2005;
- (4) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0003364, published June 14, 2001;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 6,703,293, issued March 9, 2004;
- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0087492, published May 8, 2003.

Moreover, a copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith. However, further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. published patent applications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the materials cited and indicate such consideration by appropriately initialing the enclosed PTO-1449 Form and including a copy of the initialed form in the next official communication.

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Should there be any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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